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SUBJECT: RCA/RMA Fair Hearings Process

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CROSS REFERENCE:

45 CFR §400.83 45 CFR §400.93(b)

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 29, 2022

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memo is to inform W-2 agencies that certain portions of the Income Maintenance (IM) Manual will be decommissioned in early 2022. One portion of the decommissioned manual included instructions pertaining to the Fair Hearing Process, which the Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) and Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) programs use, pursuant to 45 CFR §400.83 and 45 CFR §400.93(b). Beginning on August 8, 2022, these instructions will be located in Chapter 18 of the W-2 manual.

BACKGROUND:

45 CFR §400.83 and 45 CFR §400.93(b) establish the federal Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP) requirement to use the Fair Hearing Process for disputes pertaining to RCA and RMA benefits. Details related to the Department of Hearings and Appeals (DHS) Fair Hearings process were previously linked to the IM manual. Upon the

decommissioning of the IM manual, these details have been moved to the RCA and RMA sections 18.2.7 and 18.3.7 of the W-2 manual. The policy itself has not changed.

POLICY:

There have been no changes to the policy itself; the attached policy documents reflect language that has been revised only insofar as it is specific only to RCA and RMA, whereas the IM manual addressed additional programs that use the established Fair Hearing process.

SYSTEMS OR FORMS IMPACTS

There are no impacts to forms or systems.

REPORTING IMPACTS

There are no impacts to reporting.

TRAINING

There will be no training.

AGENCY ACTION

There is no agency action required at this time.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Please reference the policy attachment below for changes to the W-2 Manual, which will be updated by August 8, 2022.

W-2 Policy Manual Section 18.2.7 W-2 Policy Manual Section 18.3.7

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